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SUBJECT: EA/ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. REACTION TO BRZEZINSKI TRIP (L-O-U)

REACTION TO THE BRZEZINSKI TRIP HAS THUS FAR BEEN MUTED IN TAIPEI. WHILE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT ON NORMALIZATION, IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THE TRIP WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR NORMALIZATION TALKS. PRESS AND OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO PROBE CONCERNING THE IMPLICATIONS OF BRZEZINSKI'S REMARKS THAT THE U.S. HAD MADE UP ITS MIND AND IS DETERMINED TO RESOLVE THE REMAINING OBSTACLES TO NORMALIZATION.

2. NEW ROC PREMIER: A TECHNOCRAT, NOT A SUCCESSOR  
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CCK'S CHOICE FOR PREMIER, ECONOMIC MINISTER SUN YUN-HSUAN,  
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IS A TECHNOCRAT WHO CAN BE COUNTED ON TO LOYALLY IMPLEMENT CCK'S POLICIES AND TO EFFICIENTLY MANAGE THE ISLAND'S ECONOMY. SUN IS AN ENGINEER, TURNED CORPORATE EXECUTIVE, TURNED ECONOMIC BUREAUCRAT WHO HAS NOT SHOWN ANY INCLINATION TOWARDS POLITICS AND WHO WILL NOT EMERGE AS A SUCCESSOR TO CCK'S POLITICAL POWER. ALL INDICATIONS

ARE THAT CCK INTENDS TO KEEP HIS OPTIONS FOR AN HEIR APPARENT OPEN.

SUN IS A MAINLANDER IN HIS MID-SIXTIES. HE IS AN ENGINEER, TRAINED AT THE TVA FOR THREE YEARS DURING WORLD WAR II, WHO WENT ON AFTER THE WAR TO WORK IN AND EVENTUALLY HEAD THE TAIWAN POWER COMPANY. AFTER THREE YEARS IN NIGERIA HELPING ESTABLISH THAT COUNTRY'S POWER INDUSTRY, SUN RETURNED TO BECOME MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THEN MINISTER OF ECONOMICS. SUN IS IN REASONABLY GOOD HEALTH, FOLLOWING A HEART ATTACK IN 1977.

### 3. US/ROC BILATERAL TRADE TALKS (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE FIRST ROUND OF TRADE TALKS WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON MAY 22-23. THE U.S. SIDE PRESENTED A TENTATIVE TARIFF REDUCTION REQUEST LIST, POINTED OUT NON-TARIFF MEASURES IT WISHES THE ROC TO MODIFY OR ABANDON, AND EXPLAINED THE CURRENT STATE OF THE MTN TALKS AT GENEVA. THE ROC SIDE MOSTLY LISTENED AND SAID IT SHOULD HAVE RESPONSES TO U.S. PROPOSALS AND TARIFF REDUCTION OFFER AND REQUEST LISTS OF ITS OWN READY IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS.

### 4. PEKING LAMBASTS CCK (CONFIDENTIAL) CONFIDENTIAL

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NCNA TOOK THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION TO AGAIN LAMBAST CCK AS "AN INCORRIGIBLE, COUNTER REVOLUTIONARY DIE-HARD THE SAME AS CHIANG KAI-SHEK" WHO HAS "CLUNG TO HIS ANTI-COMMUNIST STAND", "PUSHED A POLICY OF SUBSERVIENT TO FOREIGN POWERS", "PUT TAIWAN UNDER THE AEGIS OF U.S. IMPERIALISM" AND "INTENSIFIED HIS FASCIST RULE". THIS IS NOT NEW, AS PEKING HAS NOT APPEARED FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO BELIEVE THAT CCK WOULD BE MORE OPEN TO COMPROMISE THAN HIS FATHER.

THE VARIOUS PRC COMMENTARIES ON THE INAUGURATION REPEATED PEKING'S DETERMINATION TO LIBERATE TAIWAN BUT DID NOT REFER TO THE USE OF FORCE OR A ROLE FOR THE MILITARY.

### 5. CONTINUITY, "SOLIDARITY AND SELF-RELIANCE" (CONFIDENTIAL)

FOREGOING ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO REVEAL NEW APPROACHES, PRESIDENT CHIANG USED HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS TO INDICATE THAT CONTINUITY WILL BE HIS HALLMARK. HE REITERATED HIS WELL KNOWN INTENTIONS:

TO BUILD A PROSPEROUS, EQUALITARIAN TAIWAN  
AS A BASTION FOR EVENTUAL MAINLAND RECOVERY;

-- TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH THE U.S. AND OTHER FREE  
COUNTRIES;

-- TO NEVER COMPROMISE OR NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMMUNIST  
ENEMY, AND;

-- TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS ON TAIWAN.

THE SPEECH ALSO HIGHLIGHTED CCK'S THEME THAT WITH  
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"SOLIDARITY AND SELF-RELIANCE" THE ROC CAN SURMOUNT ITS  
DIFFICULTIES. CCK HAS IN FACT WORKED HARD TO STRENGTHEN  
TAIWAN'S INTERNAL COHESION AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY, KNOWING  
THAT MORE OF BOTH ARE DESIRABLE.

6. GOLDWATER BOOKLET ON TREATY ABROGATION (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION HAS NOW PUBLISHED A BOOKLET BY  
SENATOR GOLDWATER,"CHINA AND THE ABROGATION OF TREATIES"  
IN WHICH THE SENATOR RESTATES HIS ARGUMENTS WHY A  
PRESIDENT CANNOT UNILATERALLY TERMINATE TREATIES AND  
IMPLIES THAT A PRESIDENT WHO DID SO WOULD BE RISKING  
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